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SUBJ: CIVIL AIR DEVELOPMENTS - GOL REFUSES TO AUTHORIZE NEW
PAN AM SCHEDULES FOR NEXT JUNE; PROPOSES NEGOTIATIONS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

REF: BEIRUT 2641 AND 3288; STATE 46929

SUMMARY: REGRETTABLY, IF NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, GOL HAS
TAKEN POSITION THAT CHANGES IN PAN AM SCHEDULES TO
BEGIN NEXT JUNE WOULD HAVE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON
EXISTING GOL AIRLINE SCHEDULES THAT THEY CANNOT BE PUT
THROUGH UNILATERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING AGREEMENTS.
GOL REQUESTS THEREFORE THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PURSUANT TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
DATED SEP 1, 1972. PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD
BE TO ESTABLISH NEW MUTALLY ACCEPTED SCHEDULES. UNTIL
AGREEMENT THEREON REACHED, PROPOSED PAN AM CHANGES WILL
NOT BE AUTHORIZED. AS CHANGE IN GOL POSITION MOST
UNLIKELY AT THIS POINT WE RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEPT OFFER
TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PREJUDICE WITHAL TO OUR OWN POSITION.
END SUMMARY.

1. MAINTAINING THAT THE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN THE
US AND LEBANON CAN IN NO WAY AUTHORIZE PAN AM TO MODIFY
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ITS SCHEDULES UNILATERALLY, ONCE SUCH A CHANGE SERIOUSLY

DISTURBED THE TRAFFIC OF LEBANESE AIRLINES, THE GOL, IN A NOTE DATED MAR 26, FORMALLY REQUESTS NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A NEW MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON AIR SERVICES. IN DOING SO, THE GOL REFERS TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SEP 1, 1972 IN WHICH IT IS STATED THAT, SINCE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF ROUTE RIGHTS, CONSULTATIONS SHALL BE HELD NO LATER THAN SEP 30, 1975. UNTIL NEW AGREEMENT REACHED, NOTE CONCLUDES, THE PAN AM SCHEDULES PLANNED TO GO INTO EFFECT NEXT JUNE WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED.

2. GOL'S ACTION, THOUGH REGRETTABLE, WAS NOT UNEXPECTED (SEE REFTELS). IN RECEIVING NOTE, EMBOFF ONCE MORE REVIEWED THE POINTS OF THE US POSITION AND STRESSED THE LEGALITY OF OUR STAND. FOREIGN OFFICE REP, HOWEVER, MERELY REPLIED THAT FROM GOL POINT OF VIEW GOL POSITION IN THIS MATTER WAS BOTH CORRECT AND LEGAL. ACCORDINGLY, AS GOL POSITION IS MOST UNLIKELY TO CHANGE AT THIS POINT, IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FOR NEGOTIATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN HOPE SETTLEMENT BY NEXT JUNE. IN ACCEPTING OFFER TO NEGOTIATE WE SHOULD OF COURSE CLEARLY NOTE THAT WE DO SO WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR OWN POSITION.

3. COPIES OF THE GOL NOTE (NO 968/9) ARE BEING FORWARDED TO THE DEPT, WITH SEPARATE COPY C/O DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF AVIATION.
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